

REMARKS

Claim 23 has been amended to delete a limitation so that it will also be examined in Group I. It is presumed that claim 22 is in Group I.

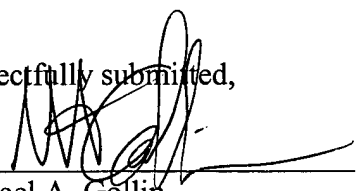
Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-22 and 24, as amended, for prosecution without traverse. Applicants further request joinder of Groups I and II. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of all of the pending claims in the present application.

Applicants further submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner so indicate and issue a notice of allowability and that the application be passed to issue.

It is believed that this response is a complete reply to the restriction requirement and thus Applicants respectfully request that prosecution proceed. Should the Examiner have any questions which might be amenable to a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact undersigned counsel to discuss such issues. If any additional fee is required in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account No. 22-0261, and notify undersigned counsel accordingly.

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Respectfully submitted,

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